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Sir:

Prior to counting the claims,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert --FIELD OF THE INVENTION:--.

Page 1, after line 1, insert --BACKGROUND:--.

Page 1, line 2, after "758 A1" insert --, HJERTMAN et al.--.

Page 1, after line 7, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:--.

Page 1, cancel line 11 and

replace with --providing a compressible spring surrounding the needle, and
a generally cylindrical open-ended first cap which fits over the spring.--.

Page 1, line 18, cancel line 18 and replace with

--to make the spring of plastic material, and form it
integrally with a hollow needle carrier.--.

Page 1, cancel line 23 and replace with:

--to provide a second covering cap which surrounds the first cap, the needle, and
the needle carrier, and is sealed closed by a peelable foil, thereby keeping the
surrounded elements sterile until the user peels off the foil.--.

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